

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Alexander et al.	Art Unit:	3736
Appl. No:	09/882,363	Examiner:	Jonathan M. Foreman
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Customer No.:	75059	Conf. No.:	6739
Invention:	Assessing the Condition of a Joint and Preventing Damage		

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RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit this response and requests that the following amendments and remarks, in response to the Office Action mailed January 6, 2009, be considered.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.